ploration wing of the Geological Survey of India in the last three years;

(b) how many geologists were associated with the geophysical surveys and for what purpose;

(c) what are the new mineral deposits located through Airborne Geophysical surveys;

(d) what is the total value of mineral deposits located and estimated by the AMSE Wing of Geological Survey of India; and

(e) what is the total expenditure incurred on surveys and supporting establishment of the AMSE wing of Geological Survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA). (a) A total of Four items of Airborne Geophysical flight surveys were carried out by Airborne Mineral Survey and Explotation Wing of GSI during last three years. This is part of a total of 138 items included in the programme of AMSE Wing for Flight and ground follow up during the period.

(b) Total number of Geologists engaged in AMSE Wing during the period are 6 in 1984-85, 79 in 1985-86 and 78 in 1986-87. Geologists are associated in pre-flight preparations, day-to-day assistance during flight, post flight coverage involving marking of anomalies, grading of anomalies, considering geophysical response and geological and geochemical environment and ground follow up in furtherance of geological studies and mineral search

(c) and (d) Data collected during last three years are being processed for refining/interpolating geological maps and also for locating possible mineral prospects It is premature to indicate total value of Mineral prospects since the data pertaining to last three years are being processed.

(e) Expenditure made by AMSE Wing in lakhs of rupees during last three years is Rs 490 33 for 1984-85, Rs 678 65 for 1985-86 and Rs. 454.70 for 1986-87 This includes expenditure on Establishment, Operational, Machinery and Equipment.

Loss incurred by AMSE Wing of Geological Survey of India

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(a) whether any T C. Tops valued at Rs. 1 5 lakhs were recently lost by the Airborne Mineral Surveys and Exploration Wing of the Geological Survey of India;

(b) if so, what action was taken to fix responsibility for this loss;

(c) what is the probable time by which the enquiry is likely to be completed in case the enquiry is still proceeding;

(d) whether the Director (Mechanical) of the GSI has taken adequate steps to safeguard public property; and

(e) if so, what are the safety leakages that led to enormous loss to the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a reported loss of TC Tips valued at around Rs 60.000/- in AMSE Wing of Geological Survey of India, Bangalore

(b) to (e) The Director General, Geological Survey of India has constituted a Committee to enquire into the reported loss. Matter is still under investigation.